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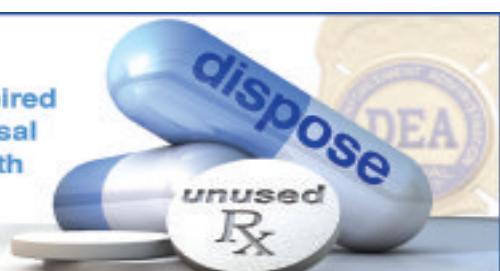
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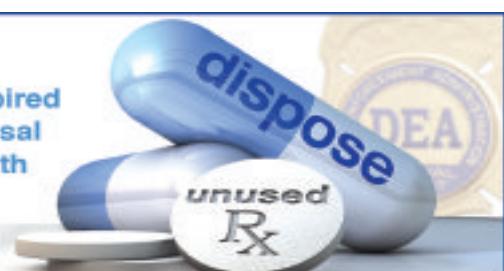
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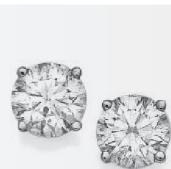
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# MTA may discuss new ad regulations after 'racist' ads up

► MTA board to talk about revising ad rules after outrage over pro-Israel ads up now in subway ► Ads called hate speech ► Woman arrested after spray-painting over ads

As outrage continues over a series of subway ads that depict jihad as "savage," the MTA may consider revising its policy on advertisements when the board meets today, an MTA spokesman told Metro.

But the spokesman said it's too premature to speculate what kind of specific changes will be discussed.

Last year, the MTA brought in \$120 million in advertising revenue. A small portion of that revenue comes from non-commercial ads — ads that aren't selling something but

carry a message, such as the controversial signs up now.

Several groups upset with the ads also said they plan on protesting this morning when the MTA board meets at 9:30 a.m. at the transit agency's Midtown offices at 347 Madison Avenue.

The International Action Center, an anti-war group, is planning to stage a protest against the ads, which remain up in 10 Manhattan subway stations. On Monday night, at least six of the 10 ads were covered by stickers that read "racist" or

"hate speech."

"This week the MTA issued another slap in the face to its riders," the IAC said in a statement. "As if the new round of fare hikes weren't enough, it carried racist, anti-Muslim ads in ten NY subway stations."

Political activist Mona Eltahawy, an Egyptian-born U.S. citizen, was arrested Tuesday night in the Times Square station after attempting to spray-paint over one of 10 ads that refer to jihad as "savage." Eltahawy was charged with misdemeanor criminal mischief.



## Is the MTA responsible for the ads?

The MTA initially rejected the ads when the American Freedom Defense Initiative, headed by Pamela Geller, tried to purchase them.

- The MTA lost the case in federal court in July on grounds of free speech.
- But the IAC said they are still holding the transit authority responsible for the ads.
- "Their official stance on [the ads] is that their hands are tied, but they say that whenever they do something people don't like," IAC spokesman Tony Murphy told Metro.



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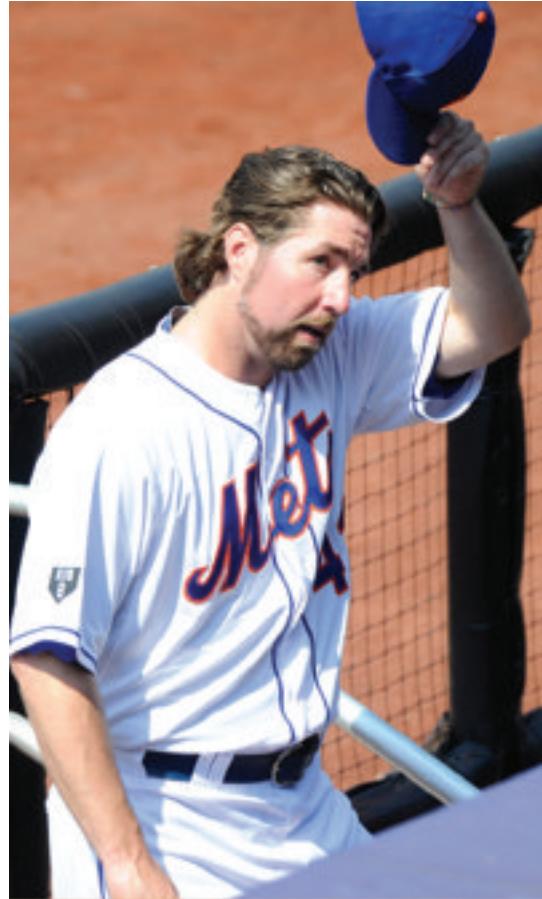
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# Studies question value of organic; consumers' green goals are fading

The organic foods market is abuzz, and not in a good way. A study released by Stanford University last week asked if "paying a premium" for quality organic food stuffs was really "worth it."

Unfortunately for the organics market, the answer from Stanford researchers was "not really."

"Despite the widespread perception that organically produced foods are more nutritious than conventional alternatives, we did not find robust evidence to support this perception," the study says.

The study goes on to note that the organics market has grown from \$3.7 billion in 1997 to \$26.7 billion today, with consumers saying they want to live a so-called "green lifestyle" no matter what research studies say — at least for now, and with financial limitations in place.

Another study, this one released Monday by GfK Green Gauge, says green culture has gone "mainstream" in recent years but finds some limits. "At



► Fading glory?

a time of slow economic recovery, paying significantly more to be environmentally friendly simply doesn't compute for most people," the study says.

"Green awareness is indeed pervasive — but consumers can perceive 'green' claims as a negative in some contexts," said Timothy Kenyon, director for GfK's Green Gauge survey. "For example, while terms like 'organic' and 'recyclable' have strong positive resonance, they are often associated with higher prices." [MAINSTREET.COM](#)

## The study

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of American adults have bought an organic product in the past year, including foodstuff, household supplies and clothing.

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say they have taken steps to "conserve energy" during the past year, and 77% say they have "done something" to conserve water.

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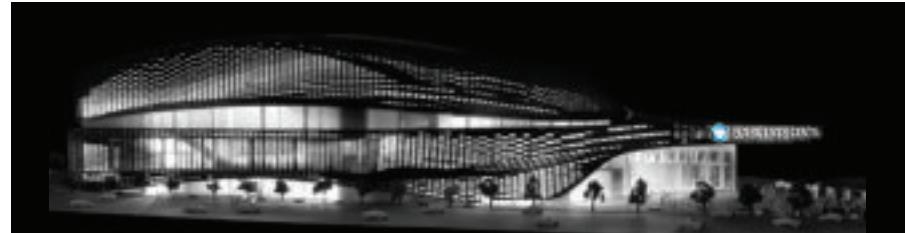
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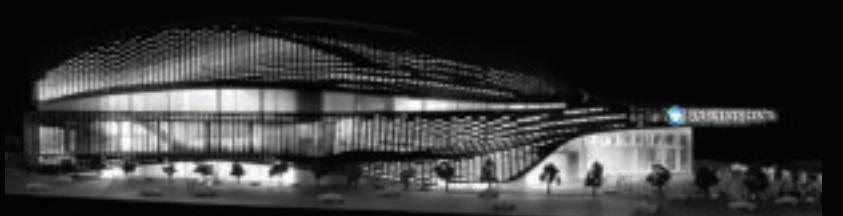
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The new game will feature pigs which strike back at the birds who attacked them with slingshots in Angry Birds.

A hit on app stores would give the Finnish company a boost as it looks to a possible stock market flotation next year. Some analysts put its market value at between \$6 billion and \$9 billion, nearly on a par with another top Finnish tech name, phone maker Nokia Oyj.

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### Entertainment

- Rovio was founded in 2003 and became a global phenomenon after it launched "Angry Birds" for Apple Inc's iPhone in late 2009.
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users at the end of 2011. That compares for instance with the 240 million attracted by offerings from U.S.-based Zynga Inc, such as the Facebook-based "Farmville." **REUTERS**

## Rolling Stones. Memorabilia



► Guitarist Ronnie Wood and ex-wife Jo Wood are auctioning off their collection of art and Rolling Stones memorabilia after their divorce.

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Wood and ex-wife argue over sale

Auctioneer Darren Julien pegged the collection's initial value at \$300,000 to \$500,000 and said the sale, to be held at Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills on Oct. 27, marked the first time a member of the Stones had held an auction of this kind. "We expect it to do very well," he said. **REUTERS**

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### Anglican church meets in secret to choose new archbishop

LONDON. Church of England officials met in secret on Wednesday to choose the next Archbishop of Canterbury, a centuries-old role with the modern task of pre-

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Outgoing Archbishop Rowan Williams, 62, a self-

confessed "old hairy lefty" who opposed the Iraq war, said his successor will need "the constitution of an ox and the skin of a rhinoceros."

"It'd be hard to find somebody more unifying than Rowan Williams, yet he hasn't managed to hold it together," Paul Handley, editor of the Church Times newspaper, told Reuters.

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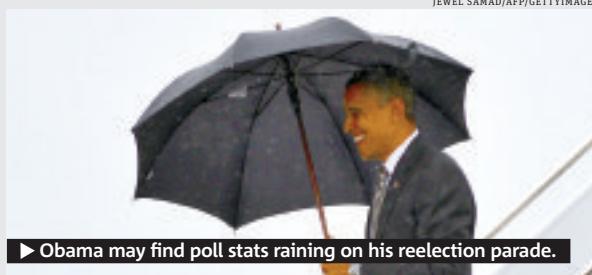
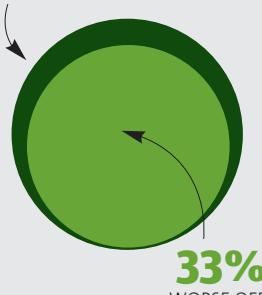
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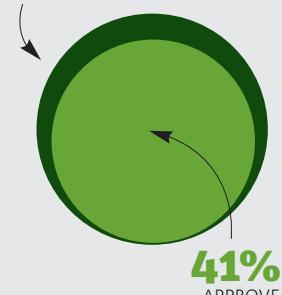
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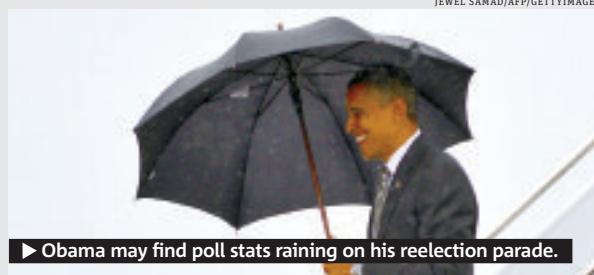
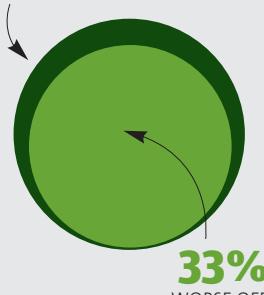
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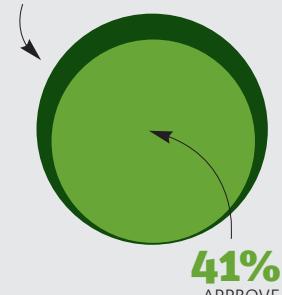
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**A**sked about the teachers union strike in Chicago, Romney said that the real problem is not their ability to strike — but their ability to give money to politicians. "We simply can't have a setup where the teachers unions can contribute tens of millions of dollars to the campaigns of politicians and then those politicians, when elected, stand across from them at the bargaining table, supposedly to represent the interests of the kids," Romney explained, adding that, to avoid this conflict of interest, teachers unions should not be permitted to contribute to political campaigns.

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## A little bit of New York, London and Japan; plus, a slice of Brooklyn

**1** **Robin Williams** and **Mila Kunis** got wet filming **Phil Alden Robinson's** "The Angriest Man In Brooklyn" in Brooklyn yesterday.

**2** **Katy Perry** attended a screening of "Katy Perry: Part of Me" at Roppongi Hills on Tuesday in Tokyo.

**3** **Priscilla Presley** and her crazy face attended a photocall



ahead of her appearance in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at The Savoy Hotel on Wednesday in London.

**4** **Tom Dumont, Tony Ashwin, Gwen Stefani** and **Adrian Young** from No Doubt were seen leaving their hotel on Wednesday in London.

**5** **Martin Scorsese** was spotted on the set of his new film "Wolf of Wall Street" on Tuesday in New York City.

**6** **Emma Watson** was spotted at BBC Radio One on Wednesday in London.

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# The 'Perks' of being Logan Lerman

► Already in possession of a solid résumé, the young actor reflects on his high school years, his awkward new character and what it was like to perform 'Rocky Horror'

Logan Lerman takes on some heavy material as the troubled teen at the center of "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," based on writer-director Stephen Chbosky's critically acclaimed young adult novel. Luckily, Lerman's own high school experience — during which he was already a professional actor — wasn't as heavy as Charlie's.

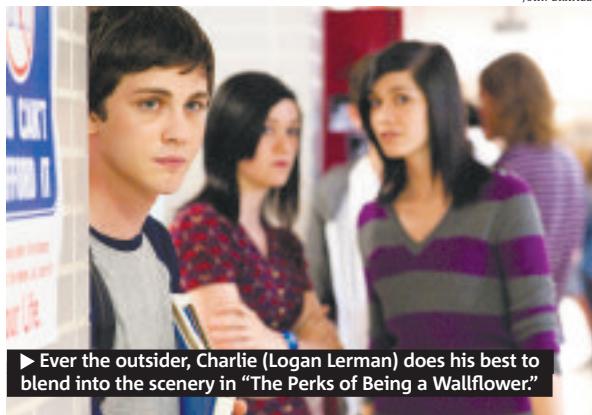
**Where did you fit in the social scene in high school?**

Well, I wasn't Charlie. I wasn't as much of a wallflower. But a lot of my friends were like him, and I had a lot to draw from. I wasn't very social outside of school, but I did know everybody. I was more interested in making short films and stuff like that. Most people weren't. You have some rather revealing costume moments when your character joins in with "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

That was one of the scenes that kind of scared me. It was a challenging arc to figure out. I was a little nervous about the whole thing, but those nerves are fuel for all the prep that was so necessary for this film.

**How was the atmosphere with your cast members, including Emma Watson and Ezra Miller, when you weren't shooting?**

When we weren't shooting, we would just hang out all the



► Ever the outsider, Charlie (Logan Lerman) does his best to blend into the scenery in "The Perks of Being a Wallflower."

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were open 24/7, and we'd just walk in and out of each other's rooms, hanging out all the time playing music. We were like a little family.

**Where do you go from here?**

Fortunately now I'm in a place where I can kind of take my time, and all I want to do is work with filmmakers that I appreciate. Or take projects that I'm extremely passionate about. That's all that I plan on doing.



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**On-set research**

Did you talk to Stephen about how much of this was autobiographical?

I didn't ask. He'd offer insight a lot of the times, personal insight as to what the moment meant to him or what it was related to. It was very helpful. He knows this story. He knows every little detail of how he wanted to make it.

time. We were living in this little wing of a Crowne Plaza in the middle of this mall in a residential area, all of us living in this one hallway. Our doors



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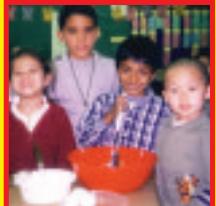
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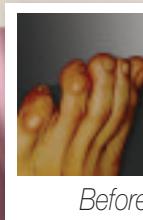
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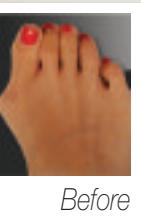
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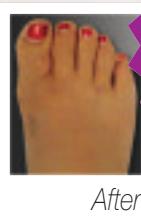
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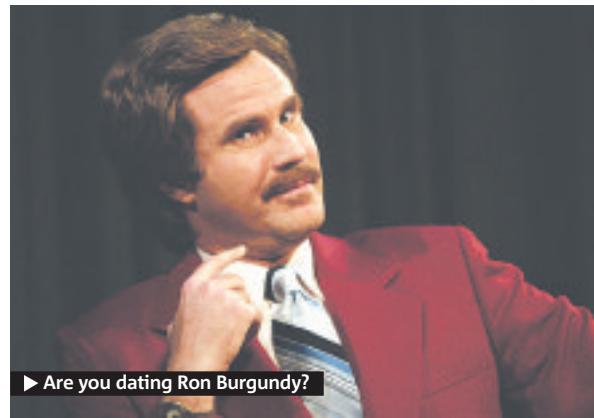
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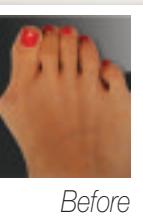
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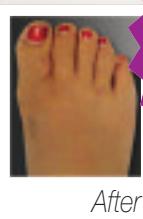
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New research collected by British-based mobile company Vodafone — which conducted a study among 2,000 British adults — found that mobile phones continue to infiltrate some of our most intimate moments.

The study revealed that 33 percent of respondents would pick up the phone to answer a call during sex. In addition, 51 percent said it's OK to do so at a wedding and 54 percent said it is acceptable to pick up while out to dinner.

The report also found that most owners have between one and 50 numbers in their contacts, but they only speak to about five to 10 of those on a regular basis. Another recent study by Verifone reports that 40 percent believe talking on the phone is a dying art form.



► This lovely moment is about to get interrupted by a call from mom.

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**54** Percentage of respondents who said it's OK to answer their cell phone during dinner

**57** Percentage of respondents who said they would answer the phone while going to the bathroom

So what does this mean? Perhaps it's only a matter of time before people start ignoring calls during sex ... and opt to check their text messages instead.

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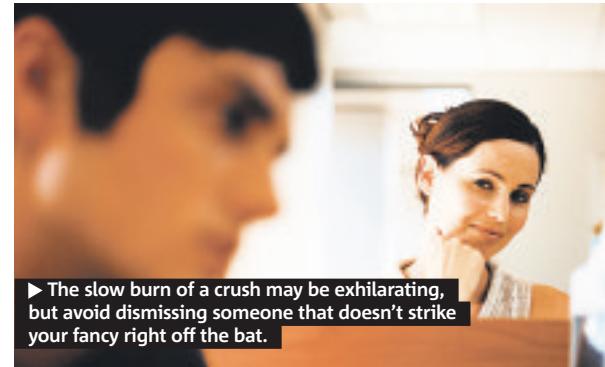
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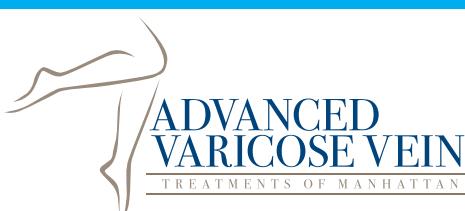
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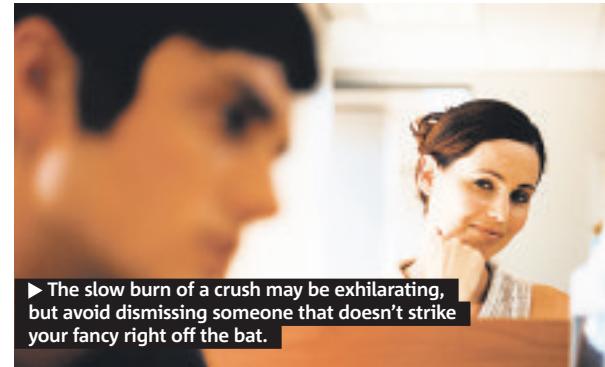
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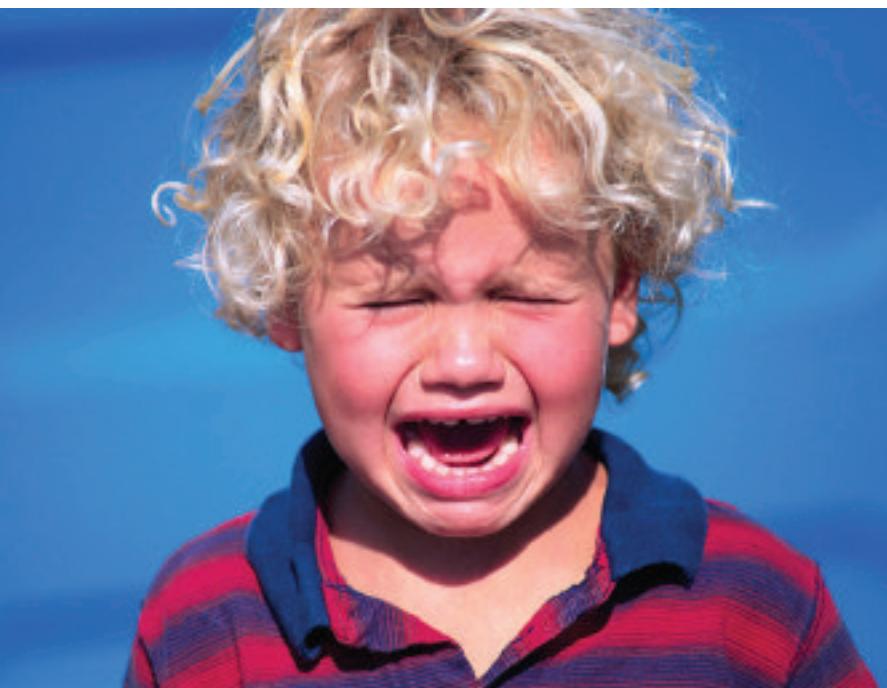
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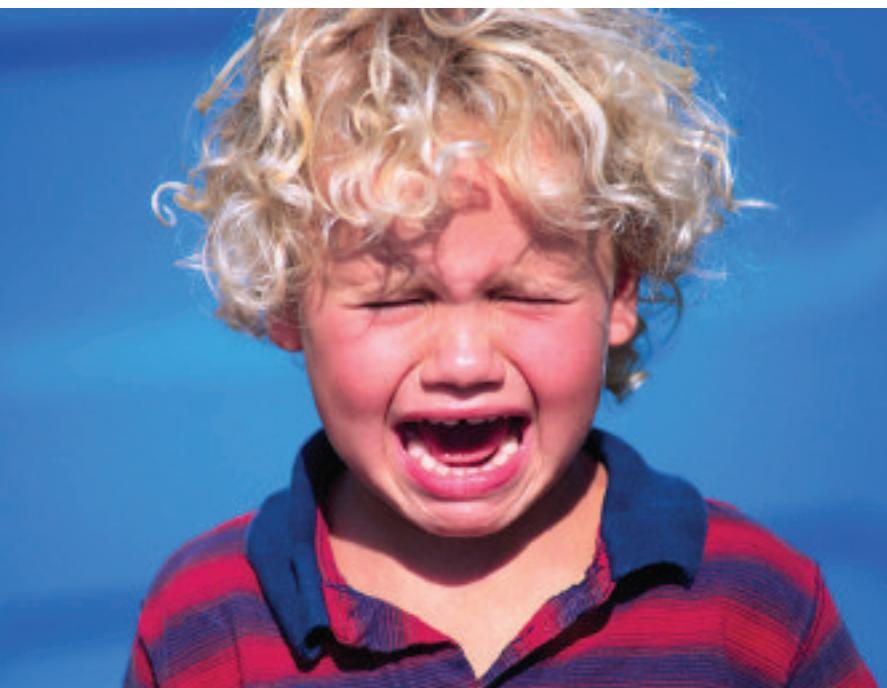
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With school in full swing across the United States, the littlest students are getting used to the blocks table and the dress-up corner — and that staple of American public education, the standardized test.

A national push to make public schools more rigorous and hold teachers more accountable has led to a vast expansion of testing in kindergarten. And more exams are on

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## Letters

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## Well, 95 percent of fourth-graders vote for Curious George

Meanwhile, while all you letter writers are endlessly bickering back and forth between parties, we Americans (yes, we are all in this country together) are about to elect a president who we don't like. Whether it's Ob-



► Attention Dems, GOP: Every year, this guy gets most of the votes in elementary school polls.

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ma or Romney in 2012, roughly half of our country seemingly will not approve. This is pure insanity! Can we PLEASE just agree on this one simple fact, and then DO something about it for once?

TRENT SANER, VIA E-MAIL

## What, you mean you don't want to hear all about his new world order?

RE: "THERE'S (MAYBE) A TIME AND A PLACE – THIS ISN'T IT" (METRO, SEPT. 25) Regarding Iran's president Ahmadinejad's speaking at the U.N. today, Yom Kippur, how would Christians feel if he gave a speech at the U.N. vowing destruction of America and all Christians on Christmas Day or Easter Sunday?

ANNE BRUSKIN, NYC

## Wanted: Contractor with character; experience optional

RE: "WINNER TAKES ALL – OF THE FACTS" (METRO, SEPT. 26) Letter writer Don Cancelmo contradicts himself. By his own words: "The problem had been building for many years [before Bush took office]." Isn't he saying it took more than four years for something to materialize? Not every result materializes in less than four years. The economy of a great nation is far more complex than building a house foundation. Fixing a mess of a global magnitude not seen in decades takes time. Yes, I would hire someone who's

making progress despite facing a monumental challenge and roadblocks at every turn — he's making progress! It shows character and determination!

MARCO BASTA, VIA E-MAIL

## Follow the yellow brick road – back to economics class

RE: "WHO'S AFRAID OF A LITTLE INFLATION?" (METRO, SEPT. 25) Re: David Snieckus' fantasy that all you have to do is print money to become fiscally responsible. Did you ever go to school? Governments get their money by taxing the private sector. There has to be something backing the paper or it becomes worthless. You will be paying with a fistful of money to buy a loaf of bread. Go find yourself an economics teacher to explain it to you, not someone who came up with a video. Who else was in this story, Dorothy and Toto?

PATRICK LAVELLE, VIA E-MAIL

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► Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Make it a point to associate with one of your more successful friends. This far-seeing pal might have the answer that'll put you on the road to something positive.

► Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. You're not likely to make any excuses in order to dodge a difficult but necessary decision. Although what you come up with may call for some diplomacy, you can handle it.

► Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Your willingness to help another could result in a rewarding twist of fate. Although your motives will be totally unselfish, you stand to gain a lot.

► Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. One of your best natural assets is your ability to manage people without breeding resentment. They'll perceive that your directives are responsible and that you bear everyone's welfare in mind.

► Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. The cycle you're presently in can result in unusually large rewards if you complete a job on time. It behooves you

to stick to a schedule.

► Aries March 21-April 19. Salesmanship is one of your best assets, and you'll show it off with pride. Others will want what you're selling without realizing that it was you who put the desire in their heads.

► Taurus April 20-May 20. Because of the way you handle your affairs, it could be another red-letter day for you. Your financial picture will make some huge gains.

► Gemini May 21-June 20. This is one of those days when you're likely to speak your mind whether you have allies or not. You won't leave any doubt in the minds of others as to where you stand.

► Cancer June 21-July 22. Go after what's owed you, because it isn't likely you'll find a better day to collect on a debt long overdue. Your chances for being repaid are good.

► Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Your expectations can be realized if you handle what you want in a practical fashion. Be a pragmatic visionary and you'll actually draw good things to yourself with little effort.

► Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Due to your own efforts, as well as those of persons who are working behind the scenes on your behalf, there is little doubt of achieving some major accomplishments.

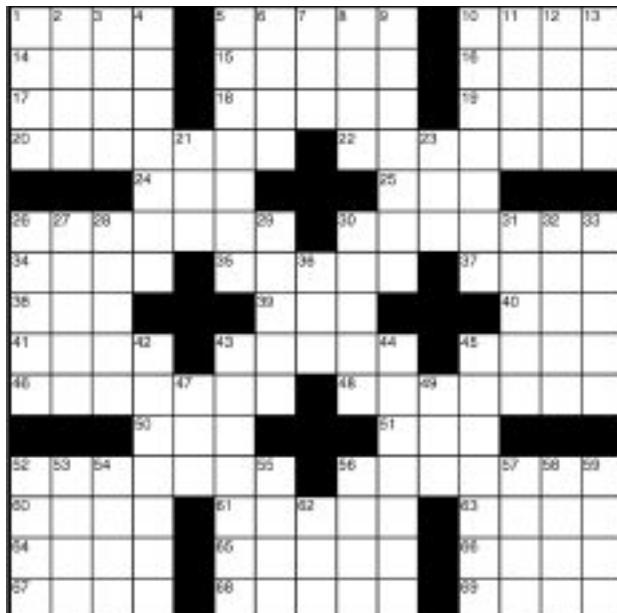
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## Across

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5 French clerics  
10 Movie theater  
14 Bearded flower  
15 Jeweler's lens  
16 Crow's-nest cry  
17 Lavish party  
18 Bamboo stalks  
19 Took the trolley  
20 Quad antecedents  
22 Fleed  
24 Word of disgust  
25 Gold Medal org.  
26 Party decoration  
30 Tiled artworks  
34 Stage award  
35 Fraught  
37 Lath  
38 Sudbury's prov.  
39 Itinerary word  
40 Square root of IX  
41 Have to have  
43 State Farm competitor  
45 Merit  
46 Quick trips  
48 Husky (2 wds.)  
50 Earth, in combos  
51 Luau welcome  
52 Illustrations  
56 Veined  
60 Corrida sight  
61 "Star Trek" regular  
63 Lounge around  
64 Toast topper  
65 "In" crowd  
66 Unbleached-linen color  
67 Answered a judge  
68 Allotted  
69 Octopus habitats

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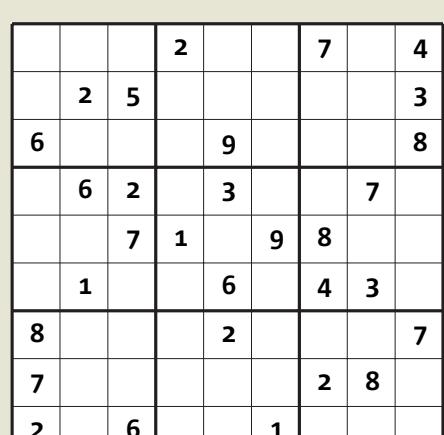
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28 Quart, plus  
29 Cathedral parts  
30 Financial resources  
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33 Undercover job  
36 Morse code signal  
42 Blondie's hubby  
43 Made lovelier  
44 Eased

45 Groceries  
47 Recent (pref.)  
49 Constantly, to Poe  
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## Well, 95 percent of fourth-graders vote for Curious George

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► Attention Dems, GOP: Every year, this guy gets most of the votes in elementary school polls.

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ma or Romney in 2012, roughly half of our country seemingly will not approve. This is pure insanity! Can we PLEASE just agree on this one simple fact, and then DO something about it for once?

TRENT SANER, VIA E-MAIL

## What, you mean you don't want to hear all about his new world order?

RE: "THERE'S (MAYBE) A TIME AND A PLACE – THIS ISN'T IT" (METRO, SEPT. 25) Regarding Iran's president Ahmadinejad's speaking at the U.N. today, Yom Kippur, how would Christians feel if he gave a speech at the U.N. vowing destruction of America and all Christians on Christmas Day or Easter Sunday?

ANNE BRUSKIN, NYC

## Wanted: Contractor with character; experience optional

RE: "WINNER TAKES ALL – OF THE FACTS" (METRO, SEPT. 26) Letter writer Don Cancelmo contradicts himself. By his own words: "The problem had been building for many years [before Bush took office]." Isn't he saying it took more than four years for something to materialize? Not every result materializes in less than four years. The economy of a great nation is far more complex than building a house foundation. Fixing a mess of a global magnitude not seen in decades takes time. Yes, I would hire someone who's

making progress despite facing a monumental challenge and roadblocks at every turn — he's making progress! It shows character and determination!

MARCO BASTA, VIA E-MAIL

## Follow the yellow brick road – back to economics class

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► Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Make it a point to associate with one of your more successful friends. This far-seeing pal might have the answer that'll put you on the road to something positive.

► Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. You're not likely to make any excuses in order to dodge a difficult but necessary decision. Although what you come up with may call for some diplomacy, you can handle it.

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► Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. One of your best natural assets is your ability to manage people without breeding resentment. They'll perceive that your directives are responsible and that you bear everyone's welfare in mind.

► Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. The cycle you're presently in can result in unusually large rewards if you complete a job on time. It behooves you

to stick to a schedule.

► Aries March 21-April 19. Salesmanship is one of your best assets, and you'll show it off with pride. Others will want what you're selling without realizing that it was you who put the desire in their heads.

► Taurus April 20-May 20. Because of the way you handle your affairs, it could be another red-letter day for you. Your financial picture will make some huge gains.

► Gemini May 21-June 20. This is one of those days when you're likely to speak your mind whether you have allies or not. You won't leave any doubt in the minds of others as to where you stand.

► Cancer June 21-July 22. Go after what's owed you, because it isn't likely you'll find a better day to collect on a debt long overdue. Your chances for being repaid are good.

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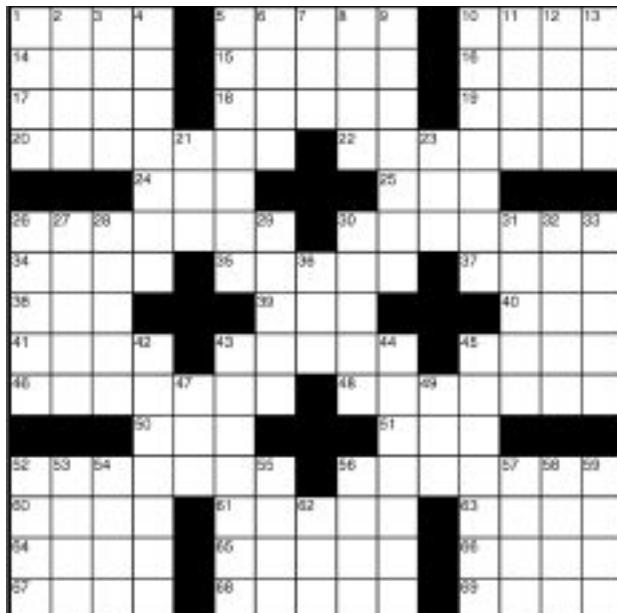
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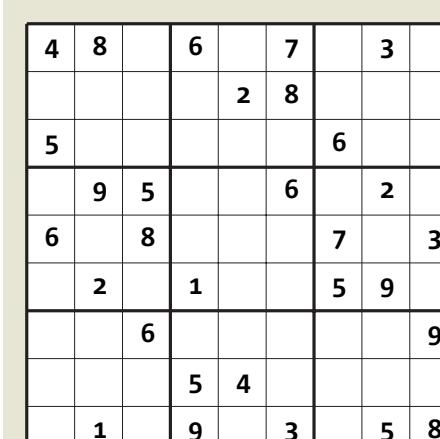
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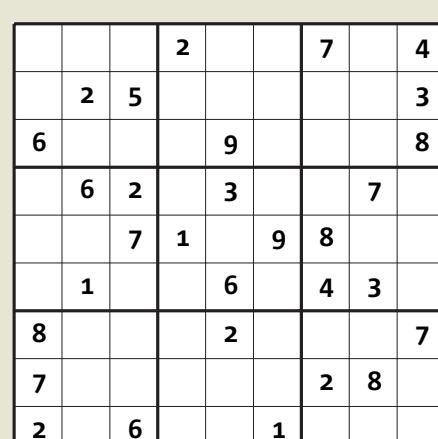
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## FILM

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Friday, 9:30 p.m., Rubin

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In "Strangers on a Train," Farley Granger is unwittingly dragged into a homicide plot by a psychopath. The shot in which murder is reflected in a pair of eyeglasses is among the most studied by film historians and students. TANJA M. LADEN

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### World Maker Faire New York

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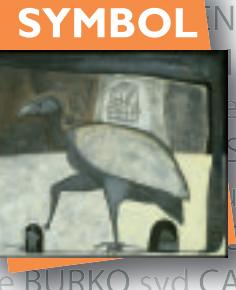
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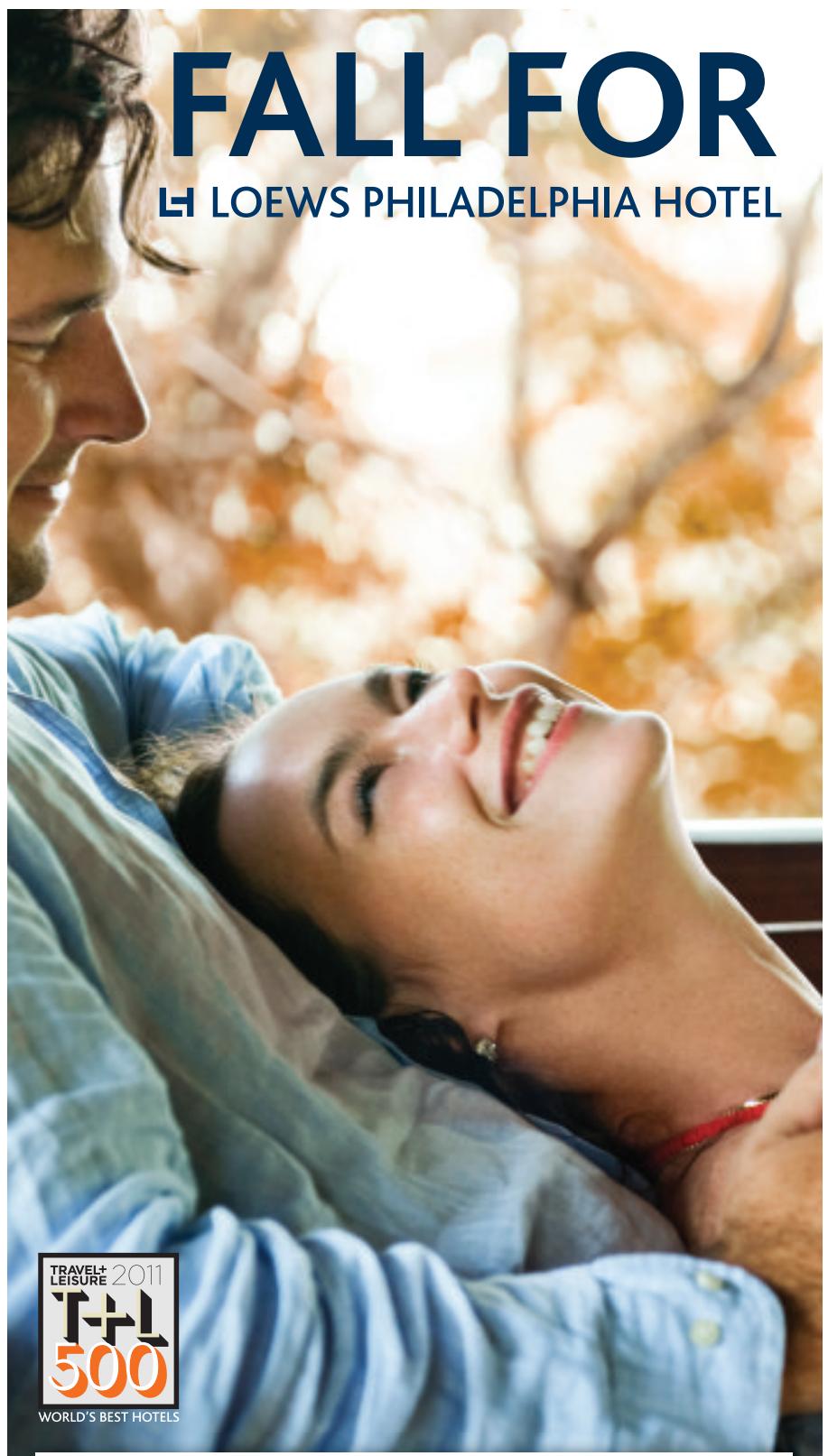
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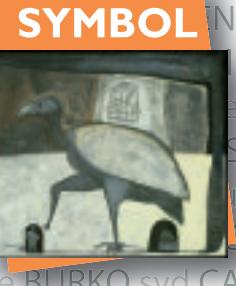
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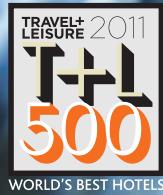
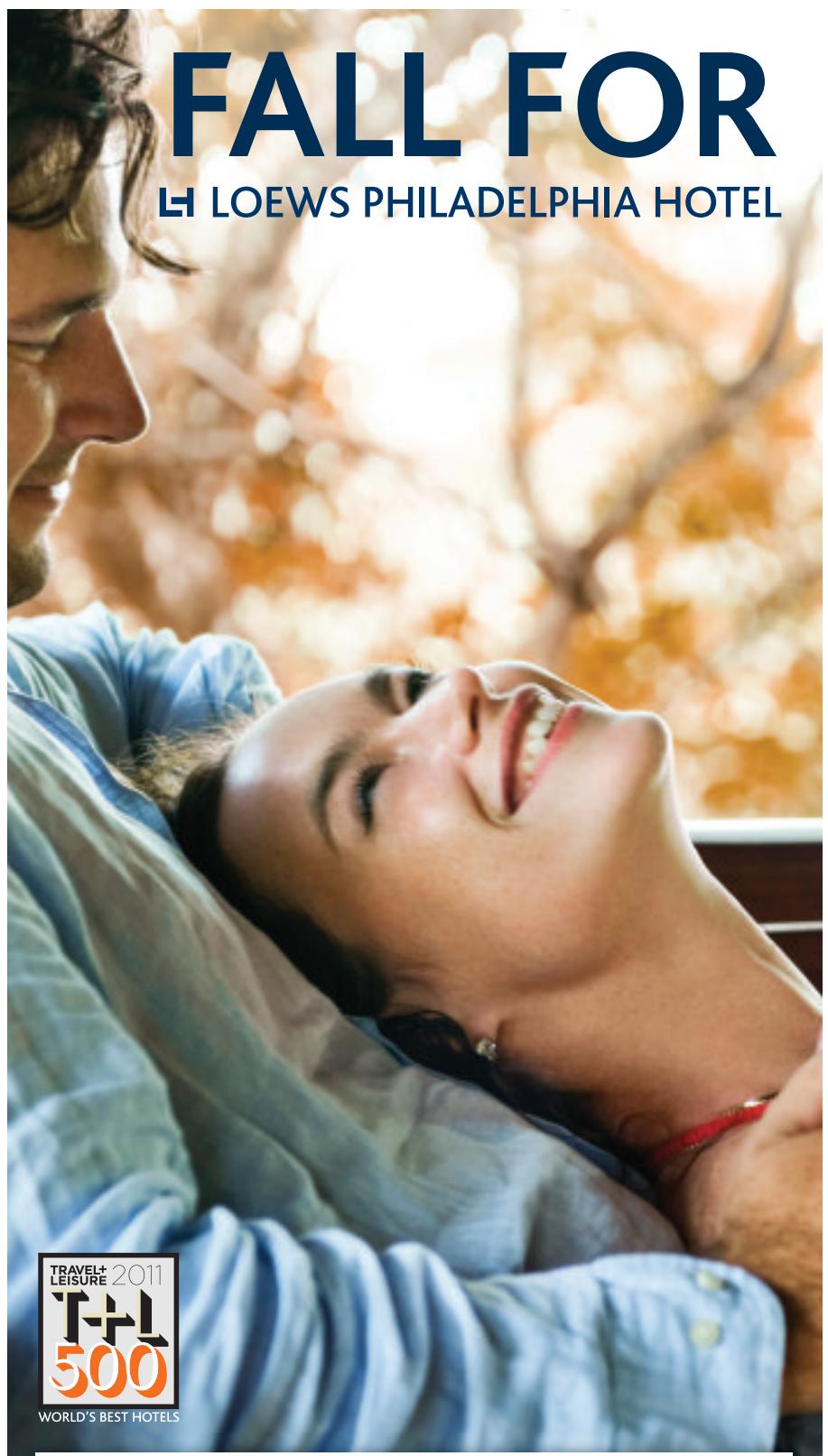
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# Must-see: Philly arts

► From world-class collections to pizza shrines, the city's museums have a little something for everyone

## Philadelphia Museum of Art

[www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

Perched above the Schuylkill River, the Philadelphia Museum of Art is a work of art in itself. Inside, the 200 galleries don't disappoint either, with some 227,000 pieces from all of the VIPs. On view this fall is "Shipwreck: Wilson Homer and The Life Line," an exhibit examining images of rescue-at-sea in American art. If you're in town on the first Sunday of the month, admission is pay-what-you-wish.

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Although probably not on the average tourist's short list, the ICA is an overlooked gem on the University of Pennsylvania's campus — and admission is always free. On view now is conceptual artist Jeremy Deller's first mid-career survey, "Joy in People," an ambitious and playful exhibit featuring most of Deller's major works, as well as a re-creation of his childhood bedroom. While you're in University City, pay a visit to Penn's Museum of Archeology and Anthropology ([www.penn.museum](http://www.penn.museum)), which is home to, among other artifacts, a massive mummy collection.



► The new Barnes was worth the wait.

## The Barnes

[www.barnesfoundation.org](http://www.barnesfoundation.org)

The Barnes Foundation's world-class collection of Impressionist and Modernist masterpieces recently moved to Philadelphia from a posh suburban outpost after years of fighting between board members, donors and vari-

ous ghosts of galleries past. Be glad you missed it and simply get to enjoy the new location on the Ben Franklin Parkway, a stunning approach to exhibiting the foundation's impressive treasures.

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# Hold the hot sauce

► Ryan backtracks on comments from last week ► Bush blames injury to Revis on karma from own injury ► Ryan: 'Never want to injure a player'

Dolphins running back Reggie Bush has a theory as to why Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis tore his ACL in this past Sunday's game in Miami: karma.

Bush speculated on his Tuesday appearance on the "Paul and Young Ron Show" in south Florida that the injury to Revis was due to head coach Rex Ryan supposedly targeting the Dolphins running back for injury. In the days leading up to the game, Ryan praised Bush as a running back and told the media, "Obviously, we have to do a great job of getting a lot of guys to him and then get him on the ground. Put some hot sauce on him if you will."

In the eyes of Bush, the injury to Revis is cosmic payback.

"What goes around comes around. They talked all week about putting 'hot sauce,' this and that and they end up losing their best player for the rest of the season," Bush said on the show. "It's sad that it happened because of that, but I'm going to be back."

Bush was injured himself in the game but his MRI, unlike Revis's, was negative and he should return soon.

Ryan clarified his remarks



► Rex Ryan said of the Bush injury, "We want to be as physical as we can, but I never want to injure a player."

**6.1** Reggie Bush had 10 carries for 61 yards — 6.1 yards per carry — before he was injured in Sunday's game against the Jets.

yesterday during his daily press conference.

"The hot sauce, you have to pour a ton of attention on them. He's going to get a ton of attention just like Vernon Davis is going to get a ton of attention this week," Ryan said. "I

guess he was took it a different way or something like that. By no means do I want to see anybody leave the field due to an injury."

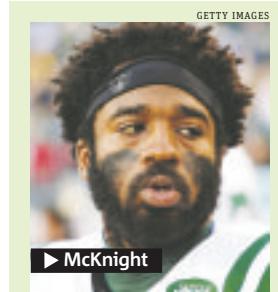
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**In the news**  
**Belichick fine**

New England head coach Bill Belichick pulled the ultimate no-no for a coach, grabbing an official, and now he has paid.

The NFL has fined Belichick \$50,000 for "impermissible physical contact with an official" after the Patriots lost to the Ravens on Sunday night.

Belichick claims he was just trying to ask the official if the final play, a field goal over the uprights, was reviewable.



## McKnight practices at cornerback

Joe McKnight was told Monday during a positional meeting with the running backs that he'd be seeing more time at cornerback and he could even play some this weekend against the 49ers.

"My gut reaction was that I got up and ran out of there fast, that if this is going to get me on the field, then that's what I'm going to do," McKnight said. "That's all I was thinking."

He called the move to defense "bittersweet," but added, "If it's a decision to make the team better, I'm all for it." Although he contributes on special teams, the running back position is where he wants to prove himself.

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# Bradshaw ready to play

Ahmad Bradshaw is back and will be head coach Tom Coughlin's starting running back against the Eagles, but don't be surprised if you still see a lot of Andre Brown.

Brown rushed for 184 yards and three touchdowns on 33 carries while Bradshaw missed the last two games. But he won't be hearing the name Wally Pipp.

"One year, we had three guys [playing running back]," Coughlin said. "You know, there's a long, long way to go, and we're just happy that we've had an opportunity to develop some players and they will all have the chance to contribute."

Bradshaw, who missed the better part of the last two games with a neck injury, was back at practice yesterday.

The team is emphasizing



how nice it will be to have two backs both capable of being starters. The year Coughlin mentions, when they had three backs, was 2007 when the team won the Super Bowl with Bradshaw, Brandon Jacobs

and Derrick Ward.

"Andre has been running hard, and doing a good job," quarterback Eli Manning said. "So, having both of those guys come in and play well for us would be helpful." • METRO

## Nicks' return

While Bradshaw returned to practice yesterday, receiver

Hakeem Nicks was not quite ready. Coughlin said Nicks will likely practice today and should be ready for Sunday.

"I'm looking forward to [playing]," Nicks said. "My body feels pretty good. I had about a week off, so I'll get out there and practice tomorrow and see how it goes from there."

"It's an intense game. Their fans will definitely be in it. We do well when our backs are up against the wall."

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# Sabathia, Yanks blow out Twins

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Sabathia was the most recent to dominate the Twins, with an eight-inning, 10-strikeout performance yesterday in an 8-2 win.

"This is what he can do. He

can string a bunch of good ones together," manager Joe Girardi told reporters after the game. "And if there's a time, now's the time."

After three straight ugly starts in early September,

**.397**

Ichiro Suzuki is batting .397 (29-for-73) in September, with 14 runs scored, after a 2-for-5 performance yesterday in the leadoff spot against the Twins.

Sabathia has now had back-to-back eight-inning performances against the Athletics and Blue Jays when he's been needed most.

"We're in a race. We know it's going to be tough," Sabathia said. "So you want to go out and do well every time out. Hopefully I can go out and pitch well again the next time." ● METRO

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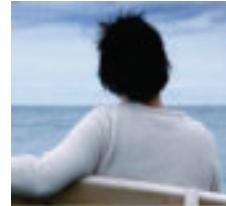
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# Sabathia, Yanks blow out Twins

ON TV TONIGHT

Yankees at Blue Jays  
7:07 p.m., YES

If the Yankees are going to get performances like they've gotten from veterans Andy Pettitte and CC Sabathia their last times out, they will be a tough out during the playoffs.

Sabathia was the most recent to dominate the Twins, with an eight-inning, 10-strikeout performance yesterday in an 8-2 win.

"This is what he can do. He

can string a bunch of good ones together," manager Joe Girardi told reporters after the game. "And if there's a time, now's the time."

After three straight ugly starts in early September,

**.397**

Ichiro Suzuki is batting .397 (29-for-73) in September, with 14 runs scored, after a 2-for-5 performance yesterday in the leadoff spot against the Twins.

Sabathia has now had back-to-back eight-inning performances against the Athletics and Blue Jays when he's been needed most.

"We're in a race. We know it's going to be tough," Sabathia said. "So you want to go out and do well every time out. Hopefully I can go out and pitch well again the next time." ● METRO

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## Luis Anibal Gomez, Defendant

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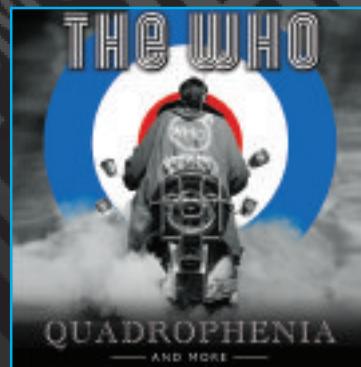
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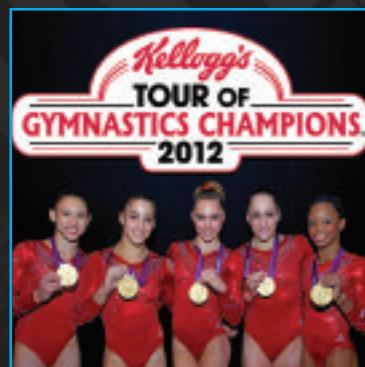
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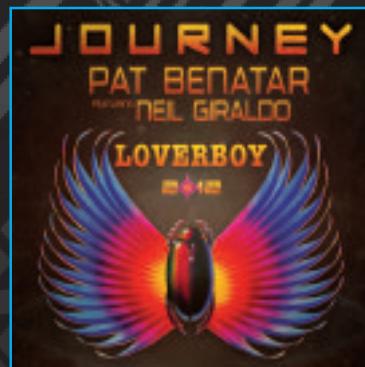
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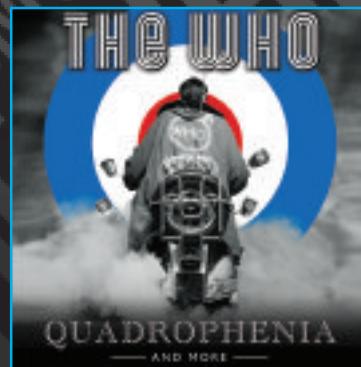
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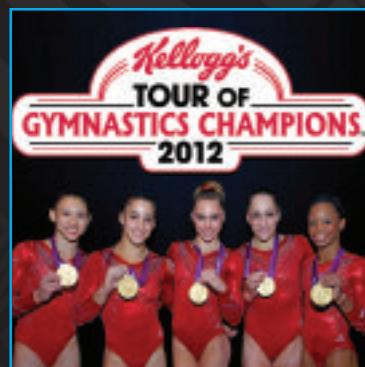
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